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SPAWAR & Fremont Elementary Display Partnership

The Space & Naval Warfare Systems Command and the John C. Fremont Elementary School posted information about their year-long partnership at the San Diego Unified School District headquarters last week. The information is posted on boards outside the School District's Partnership Office.

Former SPAWAR Commander, Rear Admiral George Wagner, initiated the partnership between the two last year. SPAWAR employees help tutor students, read stories, assist in reading programs and other projects such as painting at the school located in Old Town San Diego.

During the year, SPAWAR employees joined the teachers and staff of the school in making the education of San Diego's children a little bit better. Ms. Christina Baca, Principal of Fremont Elementary, (pictured in photo below left) said she appreciates the partnership. "The partnership with SPAWAR directly benefits our students through the personal contact with the Navy employees. The presence of both military and civilian SPAWAR employees in our classrooms places people with real world experience in contact with young students who can benefit from the partnership. The SPAWAR partners also provide direct classroom assistance that we just can't buy," she said.

Fremont Elementary invited all of its partners and volunteers to a luncheon last Thursday to say

"Thank You" to all of the volunteers who have made such a significant contribution to the school and students this year. SPAWAR employees were joined by parents, PTA, and other volunteers who had donated time in the school this year.

Command Master Chief Ron Bowlin is the coordinator for the school partnership at the SPAWAR headquarters. SPAWAR employees interested in volunteering during the next school year may reach him at 524-7002. The Space & Naval Warfare Systems Command designs, acquires, and supports systems which collect, coordinate, process, analyze and present complex information to the nation's leaders. Rear Admiral John Gauss is Commander of SPAWAR.